

COUNCILMAN MARK KERSEY

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT



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Advocating for Sustained Investment in Neighborhood Infrastructure

Fiscal Year 2020, which begins July 1, 2019, will be another lean budget year for the City, but my top priorities continue to be sustained investment in our neighborhood infrastructure. In response to input for the development of the FY20 budget, some of my requests included:

- **Prioritize core transportation projects within the Infrastructure Fund-** It's estimated that the Infrastructure Fund created from Prop H, the Rebuild San Diego initiative I authored, will contribute up to \$18 million to priority infrastructure needs. Within that fund, my priorities are street and sidewalk repairs, and Vision Zero improvements at dangerous intersections.
- **Sustain Fire-Rescue response times in Northeastern San Diego-** The Fast Response Squad in San Pasqual Valley was made permanent after the adoption of the FY18 budget. In October 2017, a fire sparked in the San Pasqual Valley, and the FRS helped contain the fire to 12-acres. The San Pasqual Valley is otherwise served by Station 33 in Rancho Bernardo, which has the largest territory of any station in the department. The San Pasqual Valley FRS must continue to operate on a permanent basis to ensure appropriate Fire-Rescue response times throughout northeastern San Diego.
- **Enhanced Park Facility Security-** Over the past several months, parks throughout District 5 have been targeted by vandals causing tens of thousands of dollars in damage. To help apprehend any future vandals and keep our parks in proper condition, I requested that we fund security cameras at park facilities. The one-time cost of installation would likely deter vandals and save taxpayers thousands of dollars in repairs.

Later this spring, there will be numerous opportunities for public input about the FY20 budget, and I welcome your input throughout the process.

One-Stop Shop for Permits and Code Enforcement



If you're looking to [start or expand your business](#), or are considering a home remodel, finding out what permits you need can be a daunting process. Fortunately, the City revamped its [Development Services Department website](#), making it easier for residents to find information and quickly request services.

New DSD website features include:

- A one-stop shop on the home page to submit requests for top DSD services, including requests for neighborhood code enforcement investigations, permits, building records and the ability to review the status of construction or development projects in the community.
- Easy key-word finders for department information bulletins, technical bulletins, forms and permits.
- A keyword service directory to search for department contacts for a particular service or program.



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Properly Dispose Household Hazardous Waste



Disposing hazardous waste down storm drains or in your trash can is illegal and creates a very real threat to residents and the environment.

Learn how to properly dispose of household materials like paint, motor oil and household batteries at <https://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/ep>

Coffee with San Diego Police Department Northeastern Division

A flyer for a 'Coffee with a Cop' event. At the top, it says 'SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTHEASTERN DIVISION'. Below that are two logos: 'coffee with a COP' and a stylized 'Coffee WITH A COP' logo. The text 'Coffee with a cop in Northeastern Division' is centered. A paragraph of text explains the purpose of the event: 'Community outreach is a top priority of the San Diego Police Department. In order to strengthen Police-Community Relationships, the San Diego Police Department, Northeastern Division would like to invite you to join us for coffee. This gives the public an opportunity to chat with the Captain and officers from Northeastern Division, in a casual setting and exchange ideas and concerns over a cup of coffee.' There are two bullet points: '* There is no agenda or speeches.' and '* Please note this event is not hosted.' To the right, a yellow box contains the date and time: 'Tuesday, February 26th, 2019 07:30a.m. to 09:30 a.m.' and the location: 'At The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf in Carmel Mountain at 12070 Carmel Mountain Rd #296, San Diego, CA'. At the bottom left, it says 'For more information, contact: Officer Julie Dragt at (858)538-8007 Officer Christina Santos at (858)538-8028'. At the bottom right is a small logo for 'Coffee WITH A COP' featuring a police hat and a cup of coffee. The address 'San Diego Police Department Northeastern Division 13396 Salmon River Road, San Diego, CA 92129' is at the bottom left.

Free Flu Shots for Homeless Veterans



During the month of January, there was a significant increase in the number of flu-related deaths, including [two young, healthy men in San Diego County](#). The news hit particularly close to home for me, as it coincided with the five-year anniversary of my brother Brad's death from the H1N1 flu-virus. He passed away two months shy of his 38th birthday.

Vaccination is the best way to protect ourselves and our loved ones from the potentially deadly flu-virus. Last month, I joined homeless veterans at the Veterans Village Bridge Shelter for a free flu shot clinic donated by a local company, Fluvaccine.Org. Public-private partnerships like this make a real impact in the community.

In the Community



San Diego has a vibrant and diverse Asian and Pacific Islander community that celebrates Lunar New Year, a cultural festival marked by the turn of the Chinese lunar calendar. I celebrated the Year of the Pig with students at Adobe Bluffs Elementary School who are learning English and Mandarin as part of Poway Unified School District's Dual Language Immersion Program, and the Asian Business Association of San Diego County, a non-profit that provides entrepreneurial education to the San Diego Asian business community.



I spoke to local Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America Rancho Mesa District who are on their way to receiving the Arrow of Light Merit Badge. For their "Building a Better World" requirement, I spoke to them about important issues facing our community such as rebuilding San Diego and ensuring our streets are repaved and sidewalks are fixed.

Community Spotlight: Voices for Children



[Voices for Children](#) is a local non-profit that provides Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to abused or abandoned children in foster care in San Diego County. CASAs advocate for a foster child or sibling group in court, in school, and in the community, and are responsible for countless successes and positive outcomes in the lives of at-risk foster youth. For the past four fiscal years, I've been proud to support Voices for Children through my office's Community Projects, Programs and Services (CPPS) funding program.

On February 20 at the Rancho Bernardo Library, Voices for Children will host a panel called The Real Word, which is comprised of youth and young adults who currently live or have lived in foster care. Each panelist has been inspired by the support of the volunteer CASA assigned to them by Voices for Children. The Real Word provides an educational and eye-opening experience that both celebrates CASA volunteers and communicates the vital need for more volunteer advocates. Learn more about the free event and RSVP at <https://www.speakupnow.org/event-calendar/real-word/>

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Community Calendar

San Diego Museum Month

Feb 1-28, Multiple Locations

<https://sandiegomuseumcouncil.org/specials/museum-month/>

San Diego Theater Week

Feb 14-24, Multiple Locations

<http://www.sandiegoteatreweek.com/>

Free Social Media Tips

Feb 15, Conference Call

<https://chamber.sdbusinesschamber.com/events/details/free-social-media-tips-conference-call-02-15-2019-21928>

Gardening Exchange

Feb 16, Rancho Peñasquitos Library

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/gardening-exchange-34>

Red Cross Blood Drive

Feb 20, Carmel Mountain Ranch Library

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/red-cross-blood-drive-7>

Lake Hodges Native Plant Club Meeting

Feb 25, Rancho Bernardo Library

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/lake-hodges-native-plant-club-meeting-3>

Kids to Canyons

Feb 27, Carmel Mountain Ranch Library

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/kids-canyons-14>

Ancestry Library Database Class

Feb 27, Rancho Bernardo Library

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/ancestry-library-database-class-26>

Social Hour– Emerging Leaders Network

Feb 28, Second Chance Beer Co.

<https://chamber.sdbusinesschamber.com/events/details/social-hour-emerging-leaders-network-22199>

New to Medicare Class: Medicare 101

March 5, Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

<https://www.sharp.com/health-classes/new-to-medicare-class-medicare-101-2135/section-36686>

Get It Done San Diego

Get It Done San Diego is the official app for reporting non-emergency problems to the City of San Diego. You can report problems like potholes, graffiti or illegal dumping and connect directly to the City's work tracking system. Download the mobile app at

<https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done>



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